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GRIZZLIES TRAVEL TO GREELEY TO PLAY NORTHERN COLORADO

THE GAME:

The University of Montana football team will play its final road game of 1979, traveling to Greeley, Colo., to play rival Northern Colorado.

KICKOFF:

The game at 6,500-seat Jackson Field begins at 1:30 p.m.

RADIO:

Bill Schwanke, the voice of the Grizzlies, will begin his station's broadcast of the game at 1 p.m. on KYLT-AM (1340). Bob Lee does the color commentary for KYLT. KUFM of UM will also carry the game live.

THE RECORDS, OPPONENTS:

GRIZ	UM 2-6, 2-5 BSC)	OPP.	NC	N. COLORADO (2-6)	OPP
14	@ Washington St.	34	0	@Nebraska Omaha	6
13	@ N. Arizona	26	23	@Idaho St.	0
23	WEBER STATE*	16	18	Abilene Christian	21
35	BOISE STATE*	37	12	E. New Mexico	17
28	IDAHO STATE*	24	31	Las Vegas	35
17	@ Idaho*	20	3	Cal Poly, SLO	17
21	@ Montana State*	38	21	Portland State	20
	@ Northern Colo.		7	@ NAU	16
	PORTLAND STATE		15	Eastern Washington	35

*Big Sky game

SCHOOL COMPARISONS:

	MONTANA	NORTHERN COLORADO
Enrollment:	8,300	10,800
Colors:	copper/silver/gold	blue/gold
1978 Record:	5-6 (4-2 BSC)	4-6
Basic Offense:	Pro	Multiple I
Basic Defense:	4-3	5-2
Points Per Game:	21.4	14.4
Defensive PPG	27.8	18.6
Average Offense:	278.1	243.1
Average Defense:	392.1	344.2
Pass Offense:	161.9	131.8
Pass Defense:	157.5	184.7
Rush Offense:	103.5	111.3
Rush Defense:	234.6	159.6

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GRIZZLIES TRAVEL TO GREELEY--add one

THE COACHES: Grizzly coach Gene Carlson is 15-24 and in his fourth season at UM. Bear coach Bob Blasi is 83-44-2 and in his 14th season at UNC.

THE SERIES: UM leads 2-1, including a 31-14 victory last season.

THE SCORES: 1977-UM 34, NC 13; 1976-UM 19, NC 27.

LAST YEAR: The teams battled brisk weather, UM outgaining the Bears 359-280 in total yards. The Grizzlies picked off seven passes to tie the school record in that category. The Grizzlies held UNC to 62 yards rushing.

Rocky Klever was the top rusher with 86 yards, including an 11-yard TD run. Ed Cerkovnik had three interceptions, and ran them back for 122 yards. Both players will start this week.

Greg Dunn has 12 tackles, one interception and two pass deflections to lead the defense. He will also start this Saturday afternoon.

UNC's top pass catcher was offensive captain Dave Meyers, who had six receptions for 69 yards. He starts at wide receiver this season.

LAST WEEK: UM lost 38-21 to rival Montana State in Bozeman. Klever led the Grizzlies in rushing with 65 yards on 17 attempts. He also connected with Pat Sullivan on a 19-yard halfback pass for a TD. QB Bob Boyes was 16 of 30 for a touchdown. Receiver Jim Hard grabbed six passes for 55 yards.

UNC lost 35-15 to Eastern Washington. That was the first game this season the Bears have given up more than 21 points.

OTHER SCORES: Boise 44, NAU 7; Reno 38, Idaho 26; Weber State 14, ISU 10.

THE STANDINGS:

	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>ALL GAMES</u>
Boise State *	6-0	8-1
Montana State	6-1	6-3
Reno	4-1	6-2
NAU	3-3	6-3
Idaho	2-4	4-5
Weber State	2-4	2-7
MONTANA	2-5	2-6
Idaho State	0-7	0-8

*Not eligible for Big Sky title or post-season games.

THIS WEEK: MSU at N. Dakota State; Boise at Reno; Idaho at Weber; ISU at Portland State.

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GRIZZLIES TRAVEL TO GREELEY--add two

INJURY REPORT: Bob Cerkovnik, backup tailback who did not play last week, should be ready to go. Linebacker Kent Clausen, who was injured early in the MSU game, may or may not play this week. He was a second team all-conference pick last season.

TOP GRIZZLIES: Several single-season records should be broken this season by UM players.

Boyes needs only 106 yards to become the single-season passing leader. He currently has 1256 yards. The record is 1361 by Tom Kingsford (1950). Boyes is now no. 3 on the career passing list with 1,766 yards in two seasons. He has set a record for most attempts (190), breaking Kingsford's record (184).

Hard needs only 42 yards to break Paul Cooley's 1976 mark of 607 yards. He is fourth in career receptions with 804 yards.

Klever, who was ranked third in Division 1-AA in scoring last week, has eight TDs, seven by rushing. The modern-day record (rushing) is nine by Dick Imer in 1954. Steve Sullivan had 11 in 1920. Klever is UM's leading rusher this season with 521 yards.

Dunn will tie the kickoff return attempts mark with his next one. He has 23 for 539 yards, and will soon break Warren Hill's 1966 mark of 560 yards on 24 attempts.

TOP BEARS: UNC's leading rusher is freshman Jim Bright (6-0, 180, who has 379 yards on 11 carries (3.4 average) and four TDs.

Quarterbacks Frank Boyce (6-1, 200, Sr.) and Allen Winslow (6-1, 185, Jr.) have thrown for 613 and 549 yards, respectively. Boyce, who has been hampered with injuries this season, is 51 of 101. Winslow is 40 of 95. Both have thrown three TD passes.

Top receivers are Meyers (18 for 295 yards), Mike Lincoln (6-5, 198, Jr.) who has 18 for 260 yards and three touchdowns and Rick Yager (5-10, 174, Jr.) who has 16 for 245 yards and two TDs. Yager has been bothered with an ankle injury.

OF INTEREST: UNC has lost six starters (three offense, three defense) during the season with injuries.

Top defensive players are defensive end Bob Knapton (6-1½, 200, So.) and linebacker Mike Horton (6-0, 210, Jr.).

TRAVEL PLANS: UM will depart on Frontier Airlines Flight #6 at 7:34 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and will arrive in Denver at 11:05 a.m. The UM travelling party will stay at "Inn at the Mart" in Denver. They will arrive home via Frontier #17 at approximately 11:23 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.